

Reforming Society Journalism

Victor Murdock, of the Wichita (Kan.) Eagle, is in favor of a "sane and adjectiveless society page."

If he has his way no more items like this will be found in The Eagle: "The beautiful and charming Mrs. Wilberforce Dustin-Rocks gave a delightful dinner party last evening to a select list of friends. The hostess was becomingly attired in a Paris gown of exquisite satin trimmed in gold lace. The house was profusely decorated with cut flowers and trailing evergreens."

Mr. Murdock would have it fixed thus: "Mrs. Wilberforce Dustin-Rocks entertained a party of friends at dinner last evening. Only a few guests were invited."

But Victor will find that he has the ladies on his trail with scolding knives before he has finished demonstrating the theory. Pray, why have a party, with cut glass, silverware, cut flowers, an elaborate spread, and ladies parading in Paris gowns, if it is not written up in full detail so all who were not invited may see that they are not in the social swim? And the sooner the ex-representative finds out that his invitation to a "function" is not for the love of Mike, but for a write-up in his paper, the better for his peace of mind. And if he fails to "bluff up" the affair, he may not be invited again, and the ladies will patronize the other sheet.

Yet we wish Victor well, and hope he may be able to reform journalism so that it is safe, sane and sensible. Vulgar show is not in good taste, and to flaunt such affairs to the winds of heaven in the columns of a paper is nauseating. Furthermore, if the vain woman who glories in such vulgar show, could but step into the average print shop when such a stunt is being discussed, she would hear the reporter, who is on the job, saying things that would shock her until she would be sensible ever after.

Still, the newspaper is very much to blame for the gush found in its columns. If those who report society items would adopt the policy laid down by Victor Murdock, the mushy stuff so often printed would cease to be a laughing stock for sensible folk. People have to be educated into being sane and sober, and the editor who quietly goes about reforming the society page has a very fair chance—if he sticks—to change the trend of things in his town and educate his readers so that they will not demand such and newspaper taffy. Higgins (Tex.) News.

AMEN.—We, The Clayton News, said that, and fervently.

Advertised Letters

The following letters remain un-called for in this office:

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East Indian Infantry.

A captain in an Indian infantry regiment is known to his men as a "subedar" and the next man below him is called a "bomdar." Most of the officers and non-commissioned officers have names that finish with "dar," for a serjeant is a "baidar." A corporal, however, is called a "nalk" while the private is a "sejor." The only Indian infantry regiments in which private soldiers are not known as "sejors" are the Gurkha regiments. A Gurkha private is distinguished as a rifeman.

In the cavalry a trooper or private is called a "sowar," a serjeant is a "dud fadar" and a captain a "risaidar." Other ranks are similar to those in the infantry.—London Answers

Logical Result.

"She has such a dogged expression!" "No wonder, with that pug nose."—Baltimore American.

VOICE OF THE LORD TO LITTLE SAMUEL

1 Samuel 3:1-15, 19, 20—Feb. 14

Samuel Devoted to God Before His Birth—An Opening For Service. Faithfulness in Service—Called to Higher Service—Samuel the First of Israel's Prophets.

"Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth."—1 Samuel 3:9

TODAY'S Study gives a little insight into the family conditions of the Israelites shortly after the days of Samson and of Ruth. It shows the deep religious sentiment prevailing amongst many of the people. The Tabernacle of the Lord, in this Study styled the Temple, was located at Shiloh, a few miles north of Jerusalem. The priest in charge was Eli. The people by Divine direction went annually to worship the Lord, to offer sacrifice, etc., at the Passover.

The father and the mother of Samuel were of these annual worshippers before Samuel was born. On one of these visits Hannah made earnest prayer to the Lord for a son, cowing that if her petition were granted, her son should be devoted to the Lord's service for life. Her prayer was answered. The child was born and named Samuel.



Samuel consecrated.

When he was weaned he was presented to the Lord through Eli, to be his servant in the Tabernacle service and in his home. The word weaned may understand to signify the time when the child was able to do without his mother's care—probably ten years old.

God's Reproof of Eli.

Our lesson opens with the declaration that the child Samuel "ministered unto the Lord before Eli"; that is, he was a servant of the Lord by virtue of his being a servant to Eli, the Lord's representative and priest. "The word of Jehovah was precious in those days"—it was seldom that God sent special messages at that time. "There was no open vision"—visions and revelations were not then being given. The Divine Plan was hidden. The Grim and Thummin answers of the Lord to the people's inquiries had ceased.

It is supposed that Eli at this time was about seventy years old—some think nearer eighty. His vision was dim. He was sleeping in one apartment, and little Samuel in another. The latter heard a voice calling him, and three times went to Eli to ask what service he could render, only to be told that he had not been called. But by the third time Eli realized that it was God who had called Samuel; and he instructed the lad that if the voice should again be heard, he should say, "Speak, Lord, for Thy servant heareth." The voice came again, and apparently the angel of the Lord appeared to Samuel at the same time. Then the Lord gave a message to Samuel, foretelling the sad death of Eli's two sons and Eli's own death, and that Eli's family should nevermore serve the Lord as priests. The inference is given that Eli's sons misused their position as under priests, taking more of the sacrifices than they were allowed in the Divine arrangement, and practicing immorality, thus misleading the people into unrighteousness.

Divine Disapproval of Weak Character.

In the morning Eli inquired of Samuel whether the Lord had spoken any further and what He said. It was a trial to Samuel to tell his friend and benefactor the Lord's judgment against himself and his family; but Eli demanded to know the full particulars, and "Samuel told him every whit." Thus it is often with the Lord's faithful servants: their tenderness of heart might prompt them to hide matters which their sense of duty may require them to speak boldly. In every case the individual's conscience must be followed, but conscience must be educated through the Word of God.

When Eli heard what the Lord had declared respecting his family, he answered most loyally, "It is the Lord: let Him do what seemeth Him good." But how ever faithful and submissive he may thus appear to have been, we know that his character was not satisfactory to God. He would have been more pleasing to the Lord had he had more firmness of character—a clearer appreciation of his duty toward the Lord as His servant, and toward his own children as their father. We may be sure that strong characters are most pleasing to everybody. They may in some respects be the more difficult to deal with, but nevertheless, firmness of character is

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a jewel, highly esteemed by all wise people, as well as by the Lord.

Samuel grew in favor with God and with Eli, and with all Israel, as they came to know him. They perceived that the Lord's Spirit was with him, and that he would be a representative of God amongst them. Samuel is styled the first of the Prophets of Israel; and our Lord informs that John the Baptist was the last. (Matthew 11:11.) Failure to discern the change from the Jewish to the Christian Dispensation, which began at Pentecost leaves many Christians in confusion.

MOTHER PLOTS FAR TO CAMP

Trudges Weary Miles to Bring Clothes to Her Soldier Son.

Vienna.—A story of a mother's love for her soldier son is published in the Neue Freie Presse. A farmer's wife suddenly appeared in one of the divisions of troops near the Serbian frontier after many days of weary walking from Szegedin along roads flooded with the rain of many weeks. She explained that she had made the trip in order to bring warm woolen clothing for winter to her eighteen-year-old son, a volunteer in a Hungarian infantry regiment. She wanted to make sure that he received the clothing.

The woman explained that she had been stopped countless times, but that invariably she found good hearted soldiers who forwarded her from regiment to regiment. Finally, reaching the regiment in which her son was serving, she was stopped by the guard. Her prayers finally brought her before the commanding officer, who, touched by this evidence of mother love, sent for the young soldier. The assembled officers loaded the woman down with gifts. Then, satisfied, she returned home.

MAN'S LEG FOUND IN SHARK.

Shoe on Foot Identified as Belonging to Missing Captain.

Pensacola, Fla.—A man's leg was found in the stomach of a shark caught in the ocean near here and brought to land by the Austrian steamer Lucia. All the flesh had been digested, leaving the bones of the thigh and calf bare, with the knee joint still intact, except on the foot, which was covered by a new shoe.

This shoe was examined by a dealer and identified as one of a pair he sold a short time ago to Captain Bisneck of the fishing smack Alzona, who was drowned about two weeks before.

The skipper and a member of his crew were in a small boat trying to make a landing near the navy yard after their smack had been anchored for the night, when the boat was overturned. Captain Bisneck was never seen again, although the tugs and pilots on duty at the entrances of the harbor kept a close lookout for his body. The shark in which the leg was found was twelve and one-half feet long.

ELECTION DATE PUZZLE.

Why the "First Tuesday After the First Monday" in November?

Nearly all the American world knows that the national election and nearly all of the state elections occur on the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November, but probably not one in all the millions of voters and nonvoters can tell "why" that date was selected for the choice of electors. The "when" is easy of discovery, but that is another story. It is always the first Tuesday after the first Monday, but anybody who looks at the calendars of several years in November will see that the date varies almost every year.

Years ago the writer inquired of many of the most learned congressmen in Washington as to the "why" of the mystery. "Not one could answer except to say, 'Bless me, I don't know.'" Harry Smith, who for long years was journal clerk of the house of representatives, was almost a magician in dragging to light those little mysteries associated with the history of the country. He sought high and low as to the "why" actually for months and then gave it up.

It is really one of the curiosities of our national legislation. H. H. B. Meyer, chief bibliographer of the Congressional library, says:

"As to why the first Tuesday after the first Monday in November instead of the first Tuesday in November was fixed for the date of presidential elections, we have to report that no satisfactory answer can be given."—E. W. Lightner in Pittsburgh Dispatch.

500,000 Canteens Ordered.

An order for 500,000 aluminum canteens for one of the belligerent nations of Europe was received by a manufacturing company in New Kensington, Pa. Several months will be required to fill the order, but shipments are to be made each week.

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